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REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are before the Examiner. Rejected claims 14-22 have been canceled. Claims 1-13 and 23-44 have been allowed.

Claims 1, 7, 11, 23, 41 and 43 have been amended to clarify antecedent basis by inserting "melt-flow-rate ("MFR")" in place of "MFR."

Applicant also notes that in the Office Action dated February 14, 2005, the Examiner did not initial references AI and AJ in page 7 of 7 of the Form 1449 submitted on December 19, 2003. The Examiner wrote in the margin that "Applicants need to provide the publication dates." References AI and AJ are encyclopedia articles from the Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology, Fourth Edition (Volume 11, pages 730-783 and volume 17, pages 784-819, respectively). Applicant respectfully notes that these two references were considered by the Examiner in the parent application (USSN 09/458,918) to the instant application (see attached Form 1449 from USN 09/458,918).

Under MPEP § 609 (I)(2) "The examiner will consider information which has been considered by the Office in a parent application when examining a...continuation-in-part application filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(b). A listing of the information need not be resubmitted in the continuing application...." The instant Application is a continuation-in-part application filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) claiming priority to USSN 09/458,419. Therefore under MPEP § 609(I)(2), the Examiner has already considered AI and AJ.

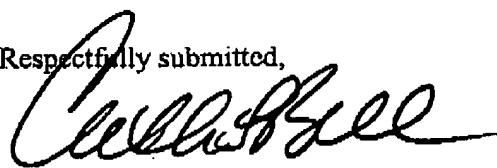
However, for completeness, Applicant herewith states that the publication dates for AI and AJ are 1994 and 1996, respectively and, as evidence of such, has attached a copy of the title pages showing the copyright dates for volume 11 and volume 17 of the Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology, Fourth Edition.

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As the Examiner has already considered references AI and AJ and Applicant has herewith submitted the requested publication dates, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner initial references AI and AJ on page 7 of 7 in the IDS submitted on December 19, 2003 and send a copy of such to Applicant for its files.

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